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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE UPON THE SWEARING-IN OF TERENCE A.
TODMAN, JUNE 28, 1978

1. STARTING ON PARAGRAPH 2 IS THE TEXT OF THE PRESS RELEASE
ANNOUNCING THE SWEARING-IN OF AMBASSADOR TODMAN.
2. TERENCE A. TODMAN, A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF
ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS, WAS SWORN IN TODAY AS UNITED
STATES AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN. HE SUCCEEDS AMBASSADOR WELLS
STABLER, WHO HAS RESIGNED.
3. AMBASSADOR TODMAN WAS BORN MARCH 13, 1926, IN ST.
THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS. HE RECEIVED A B.A., SUMMA CUM
LAUDE, FROM INTER-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN PUERTO RICO IN
1951, AND AN M.P.A. FROM SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY IN 1952.
HE SERVED OVERSEAS, AS A FIRST LIEUTENANT, IN THE UNITED
STATES ARMY FROM 1945 TO 1949.
4. DURING 1951, AMBASSADOR TODMAN SERVED AS ASSISTANT
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TO THE PERSONNEL OFFICER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN
ISLANDS. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN 1952, SERVING
FIRST AS AN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER AND LATER AS A

FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER. DURING THIS PERIOD, AMBASSADOR
TODMAN WAS AN ADVISOR TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE TRUSTEESHIP

COUNCIL, AND ALSO SERVED AS US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PETITIONS AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES OF THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. IN 1957, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO NEW DELHI AS POLITICAL OFFICER. FOLLOWING THAT ASSIGNMENT, HE WAS DETAILED IN 1960 TO ARAB LANGUAGE AND AREA TRAINING IN BEIRUT.

5. IN 1961, AMBASSADOR TODMAN WAS ASSIGNED TO TUNIS AS POLITICAL OFFICER, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL 1965. FROM THEN TO 1968, HE SERVED AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AT LOME, AND IN JANUARY, 1969, WAS NAMED COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

6. IN JULY OF 1969, HE WAS NOMINATED AS AMBASSADOR TO CHAD, AND IN JULY, 1972, AS AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA. IN 1975 HE BECAME AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WAS NAMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN 1977, THE POSITION HE HELD AT THE TIME OF HIS NOMINATION AS AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN.

7. AMBASSADOR TODMAN SPEAKS SPANISH, FRENCH, AND ARABIC. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER DORIS WESTON AND THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN. VANCE

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